

FIG. 2

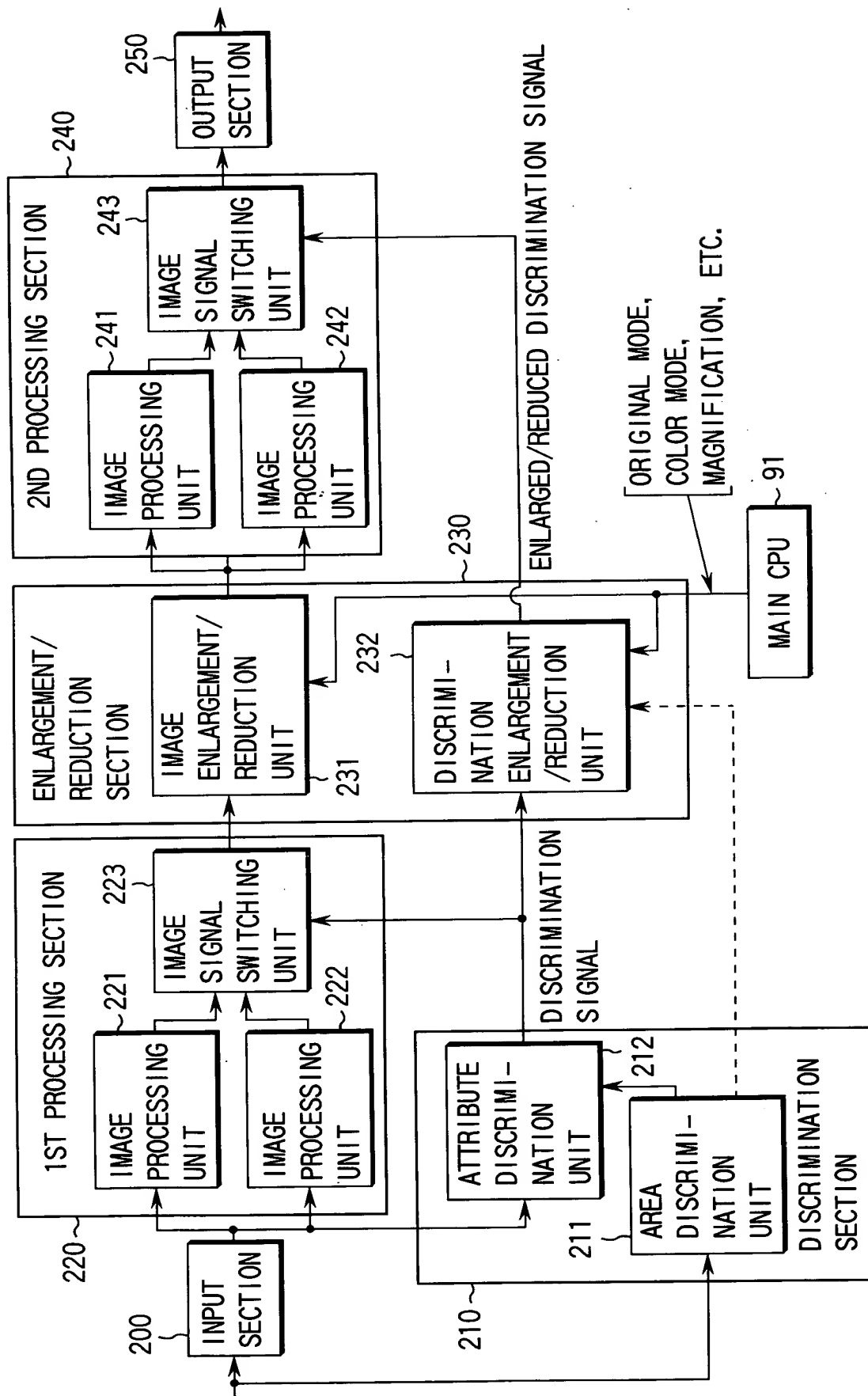


FIG. 3

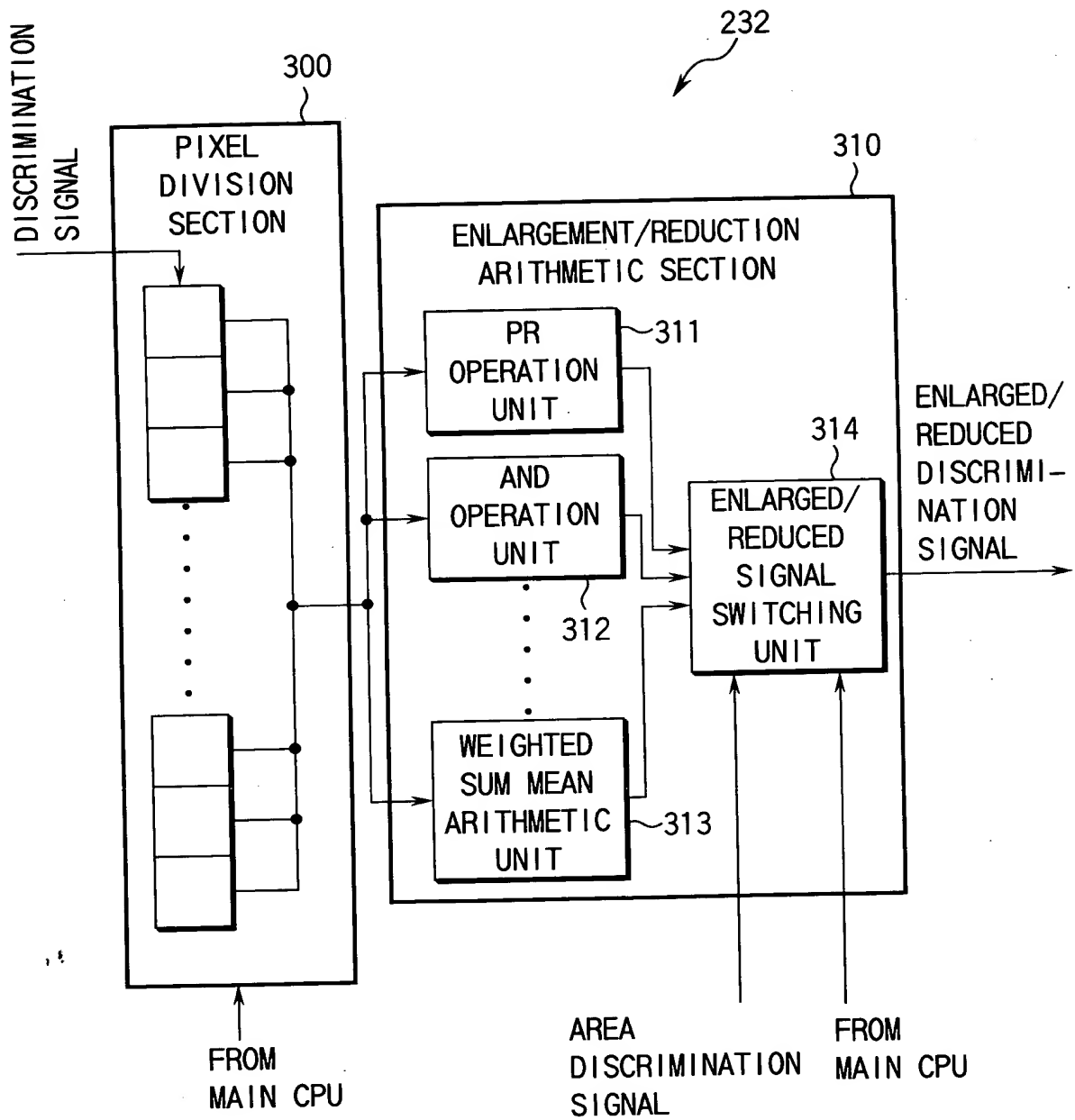


FIG. 4

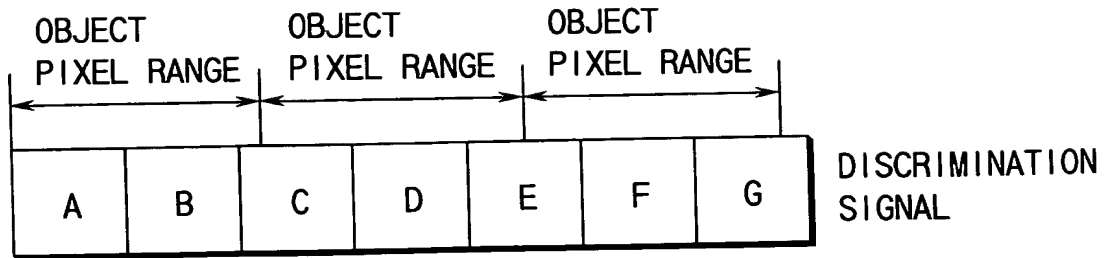


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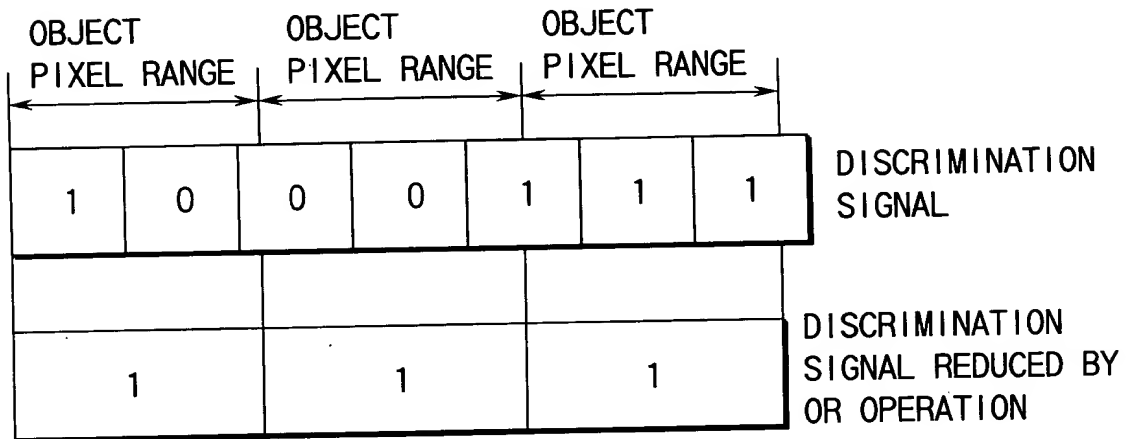


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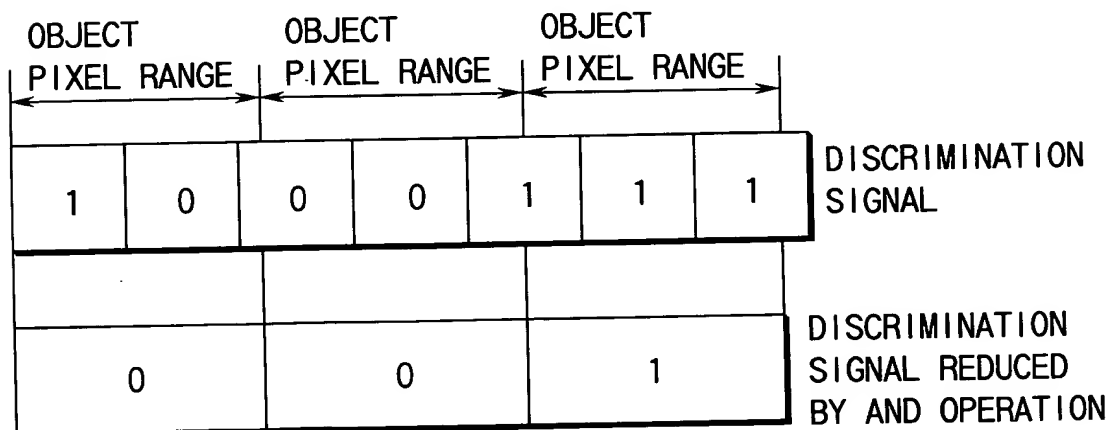


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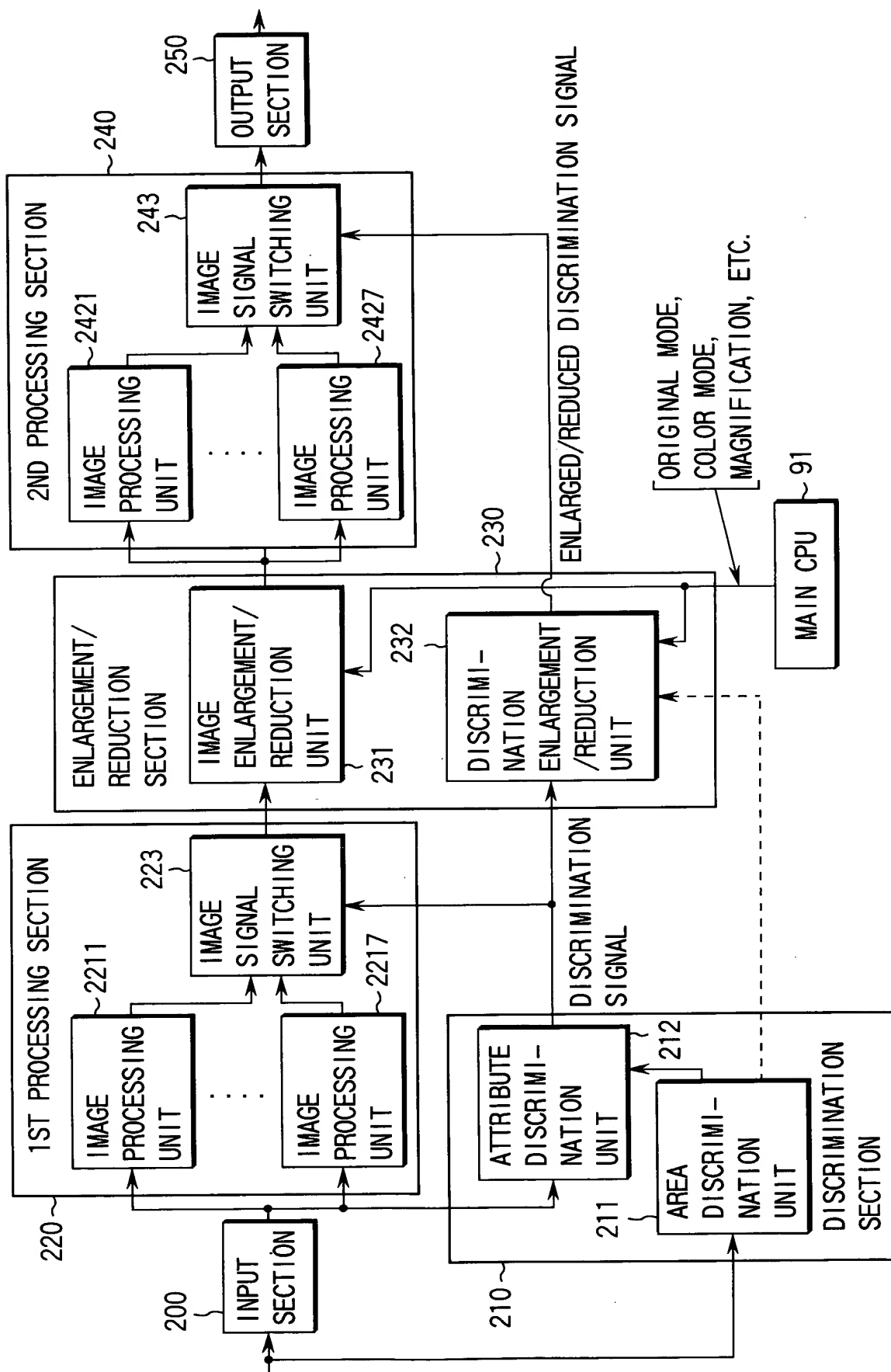


FIG. 8

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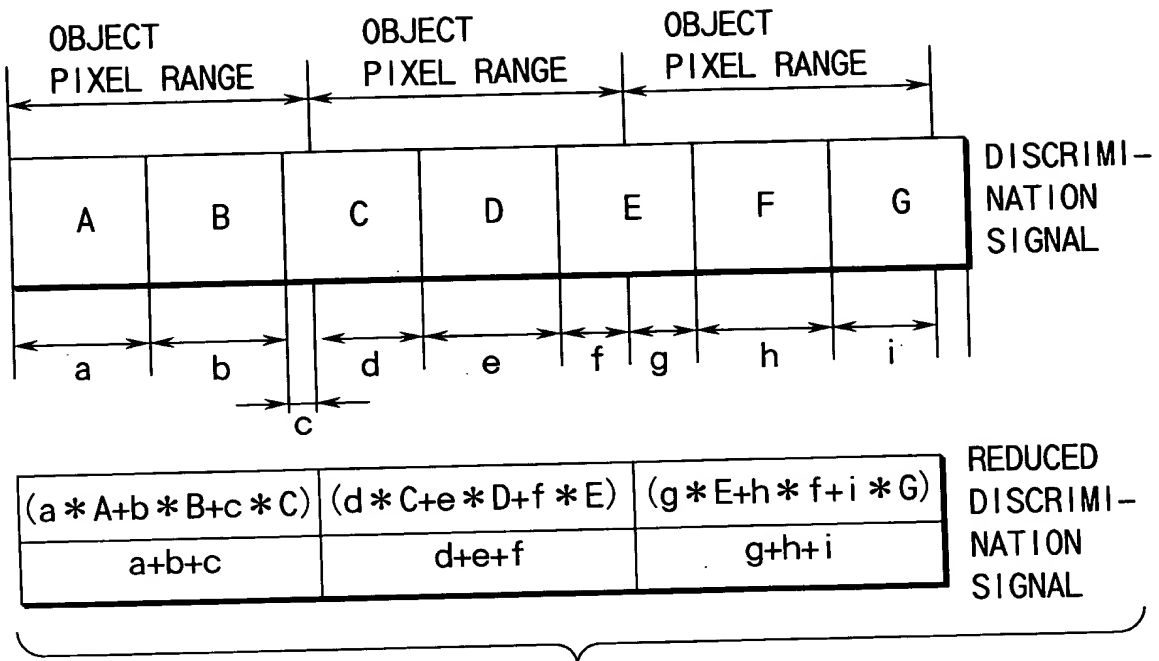


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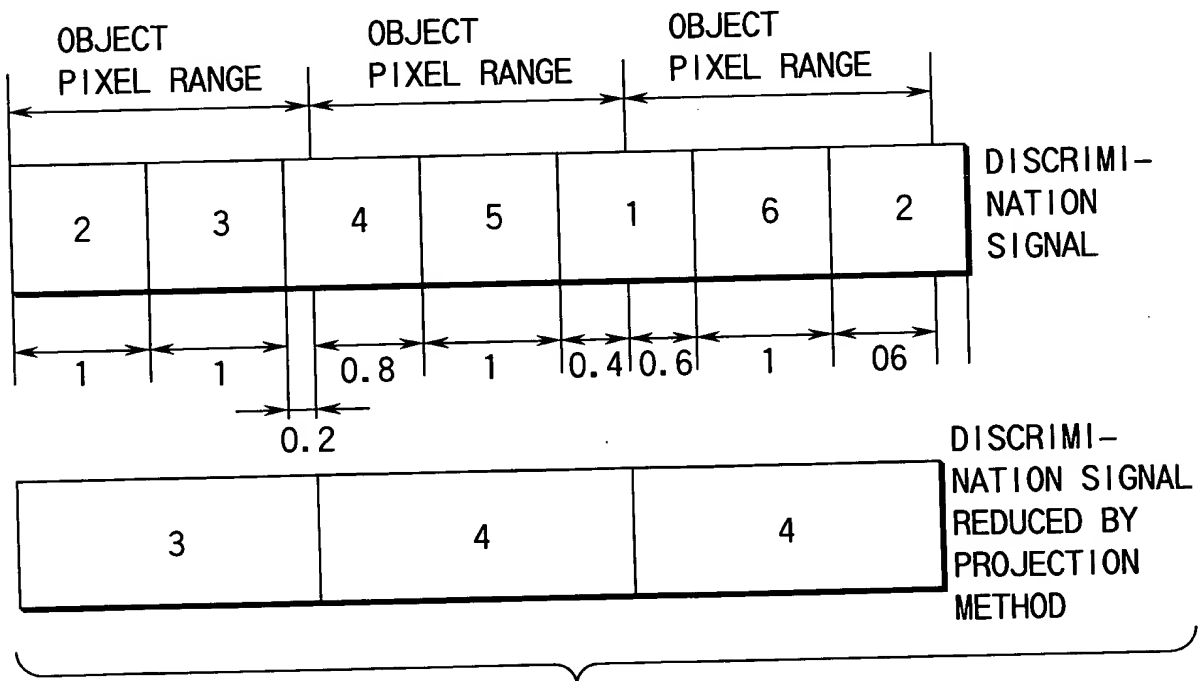


FIG. 10

Diagram illustrating the reduction of discrimination signal by maximum value selection. The diagram shows three object pixel ranges, each containing a sequence of discrimination signal values. The first row shows the original values: 2, 3, 4, 5, 1, 6, 2. The second row shows the values after reduction: 4, 4, 6. The reduction is achieved by selecting the maximum value from each range.

OBJECT PIXEL RANGE		OBJECT PIXEL RANGE		OBJECT PIXEL RANGE			
2	3	4	5	1	6	2	DISCRIMINATION SIGNAL
4		4		6			DISCRIMINATION SIGNAL REDUCED BY MAXIMUM VALUE SELECTION

FIG. 11

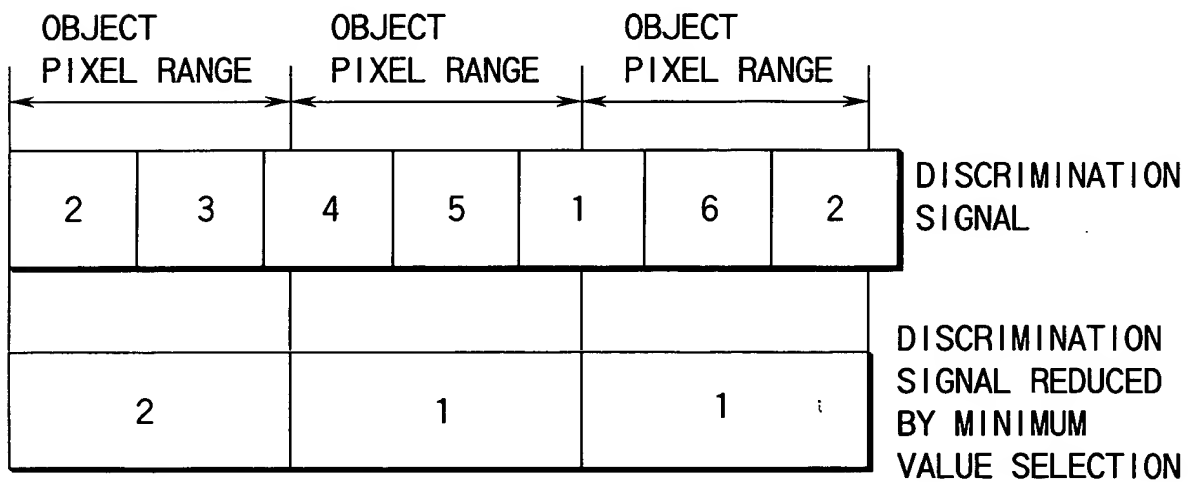


FIG. 12